Accomplishments Highlights for July 2001

FRS Population - The FRS population has grown to 600,550 unique facility records as of July 31, 2001. This surpasses even the FY 2002 Goal of 500,000 records! The goal for FY 2003 goal is 750,000 unique records.

As of July 31, 2001, FRS has over 600,550 **unique facility records linking over 772,858 program interests**. Program Systems include: all TRI Reporters for the last 11 years, the universe of all hazardous waste type facilities including TSDs, LQGs, SQGs, and CESQG and BRS 1997/1995 reporters in RCRAInfo, all RMPs, PCS-Majors, some PCS minors, AIRS/AFS-Compliance from OECA, NET and NTI from OAQPS, the State of Pennsylvania PA-EFACTS master records, the South Carolina EFIS file, the Mississippi EN-SITE system, the Utah CIM records, the Ohio CORE records, the Maryland EPSC records, and the Nebraska IIS records.

Over 84% of all current FRS records are standalones from just a single media system. This has not changed from previous monthly calculations. Getting more State records and incorporating more of the RCRAInfo records has kept this statistic constant. We do have, however, some FRS records that have 9 or 10 environmental programs identified at the same site/facility!

The next national data sets will be CERCLIS, SDWIS, and NCDB from OECA.

SDWIS staff were presented with critical questions in February which need to be resolved before their records can be integrated into FRS. The FRS Team is awaiting a response to these questions.

CERCLIS discussions regarding mapping CERCLIS to the FRS have been delayed until September/October. Staff availability on both teams has led to a scheduling problem. Challenges lay ahead in data elements and mapping fields from CERCLIS to FRS to ensure the data has integrity and is properly understood.

State Data Transfers - FRS has ongoing data exchanges with Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Utah, Mississippi, Indiana, Ohio, Nebraska, and Maryland for ongoing data sharing. **Texas** has expressed interest in working with the FRS team, and that interest has been raised to the State Commissioner's level. **North Carolina** has approached the FRS Team and is considering some sharing opportunities. **Oregon** is looking into a data exchange with FRS. **Louisiana** has expressed a strong interest in exchanging facility level data with FRS.

OECA: FFIS - Working with OECA, the FRS Team is updating the Federal Facility flags in the FRS records. OECA provides $15K to support FRS enhancements to the Federal Facility designation. Work is on-going. The schedule is aimed at supporting the Federal Facility designation by September 2001. Over 6,650 federal facility flags have been set in FRS out of the universe of slightly over 10,500. The Envirofacts Warehouse will drop the FFIS System as an available query option because FRS now handles that data.

OECA: ICIS and FRS - The FRS Team continues to meet with the OECA Modernization Team. The goal of these discussions is to have ICIS use the FRS database structure with FRS data as its front end module for facility information.

FRS and XML TAGS - The EDR has "registered" the FRS XML tags. These tags have been also adopted by the One Stop Small States Pilot Group. The FRS Web site now displays these XML tags and schemas.

The MODEL Trading Partnership Agreement: Nebraska and Region 7 - The State of Nebraska and Region 7 signed a TPA for facility identification data in May. This is the first TPA for the Network, and has received wide publicity through the trade journals. Other States and Regions are using this model for their TPAs.

Regional Data Stewardship - All Regions received FY 2001 funding for data quality efforts, data linking, and state coordination support.

FRS and the Tribes - Working with OECA staff, the FRS Team has undertaken the task to populate the FRS data element for Tribal lands. The FRS team will work with the EnviroMapper support team to begin to populate the Tribal element from GIS coverage boundaries that other federal agencies are using.

Future Milestones

Population of FRS - Further State Master Files will be loaded as they are ready. Louisiana is expected next.

Over 130,000 program records, from the national systems and State records, are still under manual review because of various data quality concerns or awaiting locational data from the legacy system.

FRS Database and Web Site - Internet programming continues to meet the OECA requirements for the sensitive Docket records, as well as searching for and retrieving of federal facility records and general search instructions.

FRS Data Retrieval - The One Stop State access of FRS facility files available on a come and get basis from XML on a web server is still under review.

FRS and Environmental Interest Summaries - To facilitate searching the FRS database, it is necessary to formulate a set of environmental interest categories since there are no standard set of titles between States on how environmental programs are called. This set of categories is only used to assist in searching for facility records. This listing will continue to evolve as more States exchange their records with FRS. The FDAT will be involved throughout the process.

CDX and FRS - These two team have met to discuss mutual use and support. FRS records will be used to validate CDX reports that contain existing Program Ids. CDX will be used as the portal to receive FRS records from States.

Matters Needing Further Discussions and Resolution

More FRS records do not have accurate Latitude and Longitude values. The commercial vendor for geocoding has restricted the unlimited access of the geocode values from the Web. The Agency needs an in-house means of getting better locational values for FRS.

Some Regional Data Steward financial support at the start of the fiscal year needs to be in place or FRS risks losing valuable expertise in this area.